

HOUSE RESOLUTION 155

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Friends of
Tennessee Libraries during National Library
Week.

WHEREAS, since 1958, National Library Week has been sponsored by the American Library Association and observed in libraries across the country each April, with the purpose of celebrating our nation's libraries and library workers' contributions and promoting library use and support; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Library Week will be commemorated April 3-9, 2022, and it is most fitting that during this time we recognize those venerable institutions of this State that promote literacy, provide safe, welcoming spaces, and ensure that readers of all ages and levels have access to an abundance of material that edifies, delights, and inspires; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1992, Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL) is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Knoxville; this nonprofit is a network of volunteers who promote and support libraries and advocate for the funding of libraries at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, FOTL works to build a strong, supportive network of citizens who promote the value of libraries as institutions essential to democracy; as the urgent need for financial investment in Tennessee libraries continues to grow, FOTL reinforces the front-line efforts of local volunteers; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, FOTL has promoted Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which provides all Tennessee children with free books from birth to the age of five; the organization also supports the governor's Books from Birth Foundation; and

WHEREAS, FOTL also stands up for literacy by investing financially in statewide programs that encourage children to read, joining other library groups in promoting Tennessee Library Legislative Day and National Library Legislative Day, which serve as opportunities to advocate for libraries, and working in conjunction with the Tennessee Library Association and United For Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Tennessee Libraries is vital in the promotion of literacy in this State and is most worthy of our approbation at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend Friends of Tennessee Libraries during National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022, extending our gratitude to the organization for its important work and our best wishes for its continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.